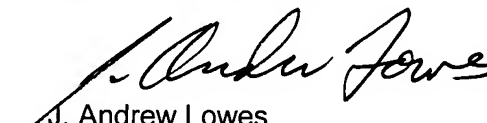


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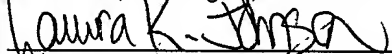
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IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (once amended) An article as described in claim 3 [one of the preceding claims], wherein the smaller sizes are in the range from 4 to 6 microns and the pores for the larger pore size distribution are in the range from 25 to 35 microns.
5. (once amended) An article as described in claim 4 [one of the preceding the claims], wherein the smaller pore sizes are around 5 microns and the pores for the larger pore size distribution are around 30 microns.
6. (one amended) An article described in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], that is configured into a tube.
8. (once amended) An article as described in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], that is configured into a sheet.
12. (once amended) The method according to claim [10 or] 11, wherein the small pore size is in the range from 3 to 8 microns and the large pore size is in the range from 25 to 40 microns.
13. (once amended) The method according to [one of the claims 10 to] claim 12, wherein the small pore size is in the range from 4 to 6 microns and the large pore size is in the range from 25 to 35 microns.
14. (once amended) The method according to [one of the claims 10 to] claim 13, wherein the small pore size is around 5 microns and the large pore size is around 30 microns.